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LONELY TACOMA MEN.

Miss Simpson Forms & Club of Girl

in the Collar Factories and Sends

Pictures of Six of Them For Inspection

By Prospective Husbands-Their Plans

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 21.-Clarett B

impson writes to Postmaster Cromwell

from Troy, N. Y., that she and twenty

other Troy girls have formed a matrimonia

club with the object of providing wives

for Pacific Coast men. The club is the

result of a story circulated in the East that

500 men of Tacoma and other coast cities

Miss Simpson is president of the club,

which, she says, will choose by lot the

members who shall marry first. Their

plan is to forward to Postmaster Crom-

well photographs of the girls thus selected

and nave him distribute them among the

men wanting wives. The club will pro-

vide funds to defray the expenses of its

the meeting with the young man with

whom the wedding has been arranged

by correspondence and exchange of photo-

graphs is not satisfactory, then the club will

In a letter written on Dec. 12 Miss Simp

son encloses six photographs, including

her own, and says regarding them: "We

all work in collar factories here, the oldest

is Bertha, 28, who earns \$5 a week as ar

expert cutter; Cozette is the youngest

16, but is her own guardian. Ava is fore

woman and earns \$8.50 a week, which she

is not willing to leave unless there is a

pretty sure guarantee of a better position

there in case the husband chosen may not

suit. I can say for the entire six that they

rank well among the girls they work with

I will collect and forward references. 'No

riflers need apply' is the motto of our club

Postmaster Cromwell is receiving score

of letters daily from both men and women

who desire to marry. They are coming so

he is uncertain as to the propriety of his

conducting a matrimonial bureau even

though the matter was started by some

joker. The men applicants are chiefly

a young man there, but he is so slow

the is willing to marry the coast man, pro-

\$30,000,000 IN MEXICAN MINES.

Recent Investments of the Smelting Con

bine Reported.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 21 -- Martin Ward, a

prominent American mining man of Du-

rango, Mexico, who arrived here to-day,

says that the Guggenheim Exploration

Company, which is the Mexican branch

of the American Smelting and Refining

Company, has just consummated deals fo

additional silver mines, the considera-

tions for which aggregated more than

These deals include the purchase of the

extensive mining properties and railroad

of the Hidalgo Mining Company, composed

was paid; the Valardena mines and smelter

owned by the Omaha Grant Company

in the State of Durango, for which \$5,000,000

was paid; the Promontorio mine, owned

by Maximilian Damm, in the State of Du-

rango, for which \$2,000,000 was paid; the

Avino mases, owned by the Avino Company

(limited), in Durango, for which \$3,000,000

was paid; the Escurdia mine, in the State of

Oaxaca, for which \$2,000,000 was paid, and

a number of smaller properties, for which

amounts aggregating more than \$2,000,000

Mr. Ward says that he obtained this in-

formation from the mining expert in the

employ of the Spelter Trust, who examined the properties named. He learned

from the same authority that the trust

had options on a number of other mines

which would bring its investments made

within the past three months in Mexico up

CORTLANDT F. BISHOP ARRESTED.

He and Two Other Men Accused of Speeding

Their Automobiles. Cortlandt F. Bishop of 11 Madison avenue

Frederick L. M. Masury, a manufacturer

of explosives, who lives at 34 West Eighty-

seventh street and Dean Miller of 12 West

Forty-fourth street were in the Morrisania

police court yesterday on charges of running

their automobiles faster than the law allows.

All three were held in \$300 bail each for

AVERY D. ANDREWS BACK.

ship Till He Gets a Chance.

the committee appointed by Mayor Low to report on the police system, got home

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Gen. Avery D. Andrews, who was one of

He's Not Declining Police Commissione

to more than \$30,000,000

was paid.

from Washington, Oregon and California.

and we are all in dead earnest ourselves."

pay the girl's expenses back to Troy.

were in need of wives.

SUSPECTED OF HELPING TO POI-SON HIS MOTHER.

Body Exhumed for the Purpose of Securing a Chemical Analysis—John Young. Father of Mrs. Manson, Suspected of the Crime, Now Says She Is Innocent

WILLIMANTIC, Conn , Dec. 21.-The body of Mrs. Julia A. Young of Ashford, who, it is suspected, died of poison administered Mrs. Lillian Manson, was exhumed this morning from the cemetery in Ashford, where it was buried last Wednesday, and was taken to the home of Irving Kendall, where the second autopsy was performed. The brain and other parts were removed

Coroner A. G. Bill and Sheriff P. B. Sibly were present and Dr. R. Robinson of Danielson, assisted by Medical Examiner Dr. C. M. Knight, performed the autopsy. Dr. Robinson remarked, after looking at the brain, that there were some peculiar spots on it. The exhibits will be taken to State Chemist Wolf of Hartford to-morrow by Coroner Bill. The Coroner will also carry to the chemist several bottles which are marked poison and a box labelled morphine tablets in which there are a few grains of white powder, also a white powder found in a paper which resembles arsenic.

All of these were found in the Wilson house to-day. After the body had been returned to the grave the Coroner and Sheriff drove to the Wilson house, which stands in a remote part of Ashford. They found the place closed and the Sheriff was sent to the home of John Young, father of Mrs. Manson, to see if George Wilson, son of the dead woman and Mrs. Manson's lover, was there. He was found at work in Young's barn and was taken to the Wilson home where the Coroner examined him in

After the examination Justice of the Peace William Platt was called in and Wilson was committed to jail and at 4 o'clock this afternoon the Sheriff left with the prisoner. There is no charge against him, but he is being held pending the investigation, as it is suspected that he was an accomplice in the suspected poisoning of his mother. As he left with the Sheriff he said:

"I am perfectly willing to go to jail until the matter is cleared up."

A search of the house revealed nothing of great importance, a letter was found signed George and evidently meant for Mrs. Munson in which he expressed his love for her.

John Young, the father of the suspected woman, has evidently changed his feelings After the examination Justice of the Peace

John Young, the father of the suspected woman, has evidently changed his feelings regarding his daughter. At the inquest his testimony was against her. To-day after George Wilson's arrest he wept and said he knew his daughter was innocent and that she told him where the box constitution, the rat poison was in the house. taining the rat poison was in the house. He said at the Coroner's inquest that his daughter had taken the rat poison from his house a short time before Mrs. Wilson's death. He gave the box of poison to the Speriff to-day taking it from a shelf in his house, all the time protesting his daughter's

ora, the youngest son, who is 25 years old, did not seem to be at all worried over his mother's death and the arrest of his brother and assisted the Coroner in searching the house and answered all questions fully, but could not throw much light on the case.

Harvey Copeland, an old resident of Ashford, said to-day that in October he paid Mrs. Wilson \$100 for a wood lot he purchased from her.

James Manson, the husband of the sus-

James Manson, the husband of the suspected woman, who came here yesterday for his six-year-old daughter and who took her to Bridgeport with him last night, said in Ashford that he did not believe his wife was guilty and that he would stand by her. Her father says that she left her husband instead of his leaving her.

The Coroner will continue to investigate the case, but nothing more will be done the case, but nothing more will be done until the State chemist reports on the analysis.

EMMA GOLDMAN VOLUNTEERS. Would Nurse Her Friend, Miss de Cleyre,

Who Was Shot in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.-Emma Goldman, the Anarchist, wrote from New York Miss Voltairine de Cleyre, who was shot by Herman Helcher She wrote expressing the deepest sympathy with Miss de Cleyre.

The sick woman was gratified at the letter,

but said she was content with the treat-

ment received at the Hahnemann Hospital. Miss de Clevre was much improved to-day. Her pulse and temperature were almost normal, and there was no signs of pneumonia or blood poisioning, the two things now most to be dreaded. She saw many of her friends during the afternoon and she assured them that she would soon be

At the Hahnemann Hospital to-night a careful examination of the wounds was made with the X-rays to determine the location of the bullets. A consultation of the physicians was held to determine if an operation was advisable at this time The consultation was attended by Dr. D. A. Modell, Miss de Cleyre's family phy-Dr. Modell has been consulting W. W. Keen, and there is no doubt that Miss De Cleyre will have the best medi-cal attention. It was decided at the con-sultation to defer the operation for the

A story that makes the deed of Helcher look more dastardly than before came out to-day while a group of Miss de Cleyre's followers were discussing the case. It seems that when Helcher wrote to his former teacher about two weeks ago, he complained that the Anarchists in this city were holding no meetings and that there was no chance for him to do any effective

arks De Cleyre, who realized the limited mental callibre of her former pupil, was, however, anxious to do something for him. She talked the matter over with George Brown and Harry Hansen and others of her friends, and they decided that they would send him to the State of Washington. In that Staty there is a colony run by is causists and Anarchists con ony run by occialists and Anarchists on their own principles. There are no locks on the houses no rulers and the property

of one is the property of all.
It was thought that there Helcher might find contentment. Out of pure charity Mf.s De Cleyre wrete to the young man to meet her at the regular weekly meeting of the Social Science Club on Monday nght. eicher did not keep the engagement e never replied to the letter and never met the woman who stood ready to be-friend him, until Friday afternoon, when in disguise he crept up on her and attempted to kill her.

HIS SILVER JUBILEE.

\$2,000, a Banquet, a Silver Snuffbox and

Addresses Presented to Father Hoey. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Joseph L. Hoey was celebrated yesterday in St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in East Ninety-sixth street, of which he is the pastor. High mass was sung. Father Hoey being the celebrant, assisted by Fathers J. J. Lennon and Quinn. Father Lavelle of the Cathedral preached a congratulatory sermon. Afterward John T. Manning, chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee, presented to Father Hoey

an address and an envelope containing two new thousand-dollar gold certificates as a testimonial from his parishioners.

After the vesper service at 4 P. M. there was a children's reception at which little Katie Corcoran, daughter of Sergt. Corcoran of Police Inspector Grant's staff, read an address and presented to the priest a huge bouguet and a silver, spufflor. from the children.

Father Hoey organized St. Francis de Sales Church eight years ago. He had previously formed two other parishes.

COAL MERCHANT THREATENED. Bridgeport Dealer Warned to Put Dow Prices or Take Chances of Death.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 21.-Frank Miller, a coal merchant of this city, who s perhaps the largest retail and wholesale dealer in that commodity in this State, was the recipient yesterday of an anonymous letter containing a threat of murder inless he caused a reduction of the prevailing price of \$10 a ton in this city before Christmas. Mr. Miller was warned that unless he did as the writer desired he would spend Christmas in a place "where there

plenty of fire." Mr. Miller is not worried over the letter The coal situation is better here than in almost any other place in Connecticut. Retail orders are being filled promptly. Mr. Miller has kept the Board of Public Charities supplied with coal without any extra cost to the city and has done much to relieve the situation locally.

50,000 TONS OF COAL DUE TO-DAY. Sunday Deliveries Still Kept Up-Better Time Expected After the Holidays.

From 50,000 to 55,000 tons of anthracite is due at tidewater to-day. Preparations were made yesterday to handle it as quickly as possible. As on Sunday a week ago, he coal dealers had wagons on the streets

yesterday delivering coal.

Both dealers and operators believed, they said, that the coal situation would improve after the holidays.

A report that the Methodist Episcopal church of Williamsbridge is closed for lack of coal is contradicted by the pastor. The of coal is contradicted by the pastor. The congregation owns two churches, and, as the old building has recently been put in order for a fair, it was deemed best, owing to the scarcity of coal, that a part of the services be held in the smaller church. No branch of church work has been suspended.

LABOR LEADERS INDICTED. Must Answer for Perjury in Trying

Send a Non-Union Man to Jail. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21 .- The men who were engaged in the recent telephone strike are not yet over their troubles Nine of them have been convicted of contempt of court in the United States Court for disobeying its injunction and sentenced for long terms. Last night Thomas Zeigler, business manager of the Union and manager of the strike, and two other of the harassing strikers were indicted for

perjury by the Grand Jury in Jefferson parish, in a case which broke the strike. The telephone company had complained that its wires were being cut by the strikers and appealed to the Mayor for protection, offering a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of any man engaged in wire cutting The strikers replied that the company was cutting its own wires so as to incite public sympathy and get the United States Court to interfere. Finally through Zeigler they made charges against John schultze, who had formerly been a member of the union, but had refused to go out on strike. Two of the strikers swore that they had caught Schultze in the act of cutting the wires of the company for which he worked. According to the strikers, he said he did this in order to help them. Zeigler furnished the name of Schultze to the company and claimed the \$1,000

The case was tried in Jefferson, as the alleged cutting occurred just across the parish line. It resulted in an acquittal of Schultze, and the plain demonstration that a job had been put upon him by the strikers. The affair caused such disgust that the strike failed, and the men returned to work. The men concerned were brought before the United States Court, tried, convicted and sentenced, and will now have to go before the Jefferson District Court for

LABOR'S LITTLE HATCHET OUT.

All Who Voted for the Tunnel Franchise Under the Unions' Ban. The Central Federated Union's committee, which tried to defeat the Pennsylrania tunnel franchise, when the labor

clauses were left out of it, reported to the . F. U. yesterday and the Aldermen who voted for the franchise were soundly abused. Philip Kelly of the Theatrica Protective Union, chairman of the committee, explained that the franchise was passed because a number of Aldermen failed to keep their promises to the unions. failed to keep their promises to the unions. Kelly observed that it was remarkable that the exact number of votes necessary to pass the franchise and no more were forthcoming. He thought this significant. Several of the delegates remarked that it was now up to the labor unions to see that union conditions prevailed in the work. The names of the Aldermen who voted for the franchise are to be placed on the official bulletin of the C. F. U. and read out every month. very month. The secretary was instructed o write to all affiliated unions asking them o take similar action. The Central Labor Union of Brooklyn

The Central Labor Union of Brooklyn met in the Labor Lyceum yesterday and adopted resolutions denouncing Mayor Low, Comptroller Grout, President Fornes of the Aldermen, Borough Presidents Swanstrom, Haffen, Cassidy and Cromwell and all the Aldermen who voted in favor of the franchise. The resolutions said that the Central Labor Union would do all in its power to prevent the rejection to office power to prevent the reflection to office of those who voted for the franchise. A nittees of similar organizations to carry

out this plan.

The Brooklyn District Assembly of the Knights of Labor met last night and adopted similar resolutions.

Lewis Nixon Has a Strike to Settle.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 21.-The strike of plumbers and steamfitters in the Crescent hipyards, which was begun on Saturday, vill embarrass the company unless a settlement is made soon, as there are a number of ment is made soon, as there are a number of vessels there which it is desired to hurry to completion. Lewis Nixon, president of the United States Ship Building Company, of which the Crescent shipyards are a part, will take a hand in settling the strike.

JENKINS REPORTS CROKER WELL and Predicting That the Democrats Wil

Regain the City-Coming Back? Dr. W. T. Jenkins, former Health Officer of the Port of New York and a brother-inlaw of Richard Croker, came home on the Etruria, which arrived yesterday morning. "I spent a great deal of time with Mr Croker while abroad," said Dr. Jenkins

and found him in very good health and "and found him in very good health and enjoying himself very much."
Dr. Jenkins reported Mr. Croker as considering the fusion administration very weak and as believing that no matter whom the Democrats nominate for Mayor next fall, he will be elected.
Dr. Jenkins was asked if Mr. Croker was coming heak in the apring.

oming back in the spring.
"Mr. Croker did not say that he was com-

"Mr. Croker did not say that he was coming or that he was not coming," said Dr. Jenkins. "In fact, I am quite sure that the subject of his return here was not touched upon."

Dr. Jenkins took breakfast with Mr. Croker on the morning that he sailed for home. Mr. Croker got up at 6 o'clock and drove the Doctor to the station from his place at Wasters." his place at Wantage.

Dr. Jenkins said Mr. Croker was much interested in the trial of Chief Croker and

thought his dismissal wrong and that the Chief's name had much to do with his

Col. Bryan in Texas. AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 21.-Col. W. J. Bryan arrived here this evening and will leave to-morrow for Mexico. He had nothing to say for publication in regard to the obto say for publication in regard ject of this visit to that country.

DOGS JUMPED OFF EXPRESS.

BIG ST. BERNARD KILLED, RE-TRIEVER BADLY HURT.

They Came Out the Open Door of the Baggage Car as the Montreal Express Was Passing Spuyten Duyvil Last Night Train Went On, Men Looking Back.

Two dogs, which according to the police are valuable, are at the Kingsbridge police station—one of them, a male St. Bernard, lead and the other, a retriever bitch, badly hurt. As to how the dogs met their injuries the police have only the story of Flagman Smith of the New York Central's crossing at Spuyten Duyvil to go on.
Smith says that the upbound Montreal express, which left the Grand Central

Station at 6:35 P. M., was threshing by him ast night when he saw the dogs run to the door of the baggage car and jump out. Two of the trainmen, he says, ran o the open door after the dogs and then hung out of the door to see what had bef them. The train didn't stop. The dogs were hurled up against the side of Smith's flag shanty. Then a south-

bound local came along.

After that had passed Smith ran to the dogs and found that the St. Bernard, which was badly mangled, was dead. The retriever, crawled over to the St. Bernard and lay at his side, growling at Smith when he approached

he approached.

The flagman then got Policeman Beckman, who after taking a look at the dogs, ran three-quarters of a mile to the Kingsbridge police station through the driving rain and told Acting Captain Schlottman

about the case.

Schlottman sent a messenger two miles out to get Policeman John C. Shiffer, who used to be a veterinary surgeon. Shiffer came in from his post and accompanied by two other policemen went to the Centrai's tracks. They took a large piece of canvas and a lot of bandages.

When they got to the flagman's shanty the retriever was still on guard over the body of her big mate. She not only refused to leave the St. Bernard, but growled at everybody except Shiffer. Finally, to pacify her, they put the dead dog on the canvas with her and carried both to the station.

tation. Shiffer said that the retriever's back was shifter said that the retriever's back was badly sprained, but that he thought she would recover.

According to him the St. Bernard was worth fully \$2,000. The retriever, a black, smooth-coated dog, was, he said, of the erv best breed.

Fach dog had a collar. The St. Bernard had license 2278 for this year, the retriever, icense 5160 for 1899 and 2275 for this year. Sergt. Brady telephoned the numbers to the S. P. C. A., but the man there said he couldn't get at his records until morning.

ACTOR WANTS TO RUN 'EM IN Would Add a Policeman's Power to His Stage Attractions.

The only sound to be heard in the Tengeroin station at 3 o'clock yesterday morning was that made by the scratching of a pen of the desk sergeant busy at the blotter. When the door opened the sergeant looked up. In front of him stood a man with long black hair topped by a soft felt hat. He was smooth shaven and without an overcoat. He was a good representative of the one-night stand tragedian.
"What can I do for you?" asked the ser

"I want to talk to you alone," said the "Well, go ahead," said the sergeant.

"Well, go ahead," said the sergeant.

"It's a personal matter," was the reply.
"and I want to talk to you alone."

The sergeant got up and shook himsef to make sure. Then he said, "we are alone."

"So we are, now," said the long-haired one, glancing at the door, as if some one had just departed.

"I'm in the profession," he said, "but I want to be a policeman. If I had police authority it would be a great aid to me in my stage career. Yes, I want a policeman's power."

man's power."

"Well, you can't be a policeman and an actor, too," said the sergeant.

"Is that so?" said the man. "Well, well!

I can't give up my career on the stage I love it too much. He wheeled around quickly and walked toward the door. He went away without saying another word. "Buggy," said the sergeant as he went back to his scratching on the blotter.

OPULENT SCHOOL JANITORS. abor's C. F. U. to Try to Make Them Pay Their Help Better.

The Central Federated Union undertool vesterday the task of trying to bring about setter conditions for cleaners and others in school buildings who, they assert, are underpaid by opulent janitors. Delegate Holland of the Eccentric Association of Engineers told the C. F. U. yesterday that he knew of janitors who were growing rich while the people under them received the poorest of wages.

"I know of one case," said Holland, "where is a janitor has a contract to take charge of \$20,000,000. of Pittsburg capitalists, situated in the State of Chihuahua, for which \$6,000,000

a janitor has a contract to take charge of a school at \$1,500 a year. He pays, out of this, two firemen, two men cleaners and two women cleaners, and has \$3,000 a year Holland suggested that an agitation

should be started to do away with janitorships by contract. A committee was ap-pointed to see Mayor Low and the Board of Education about it.

SHOT THE MOTORMAN. Highwaymen Fall to Hold Up a Trolley Car Near Baltimere.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 .- An attempt was made last night to hold up the trolley car that runs from Roland Park to Lakeside. The object of the highwaymen was frustrated by the presence of mind of William J. Gor-

by the presence of mind of William J. Gorman. the conductor. The episode occurred shortly before 9 o'clock.

David Stambaugh, motorman of the car, was shot in the leg by the robbers as the trolley rounded the curve on its way to Roland Park. His wound is severe, having entered the leg at the knee. After Stambaugh was shot, Gorman took charge of the car and took it to the Roland Park barn. The scene of the affair was at the beginning of the curve which the cars round to bring them back to Roland Park. Incandescent lights dimly illuminate the small space near the tracks. Behind them, back of the line of light, is a deep shadow. There was where the shot came from.

CIGAR OCTOPUS HUNTING. 200 Dealers Call on the Rest to Kill ti

Beast by Barring Its Goods. In response to a call from the Retail Cigar and Tobacco Dealers' Association about 200 dealers met yesterday in Maen-nerchor Hall, in East Fifty-sixth street, to make trouble for the American Tobacco Company.
On the motion of Robert E. Lane resolu

tions were adopted unanimously inviting members of the association to remove all signs and goods of the American Tobacco Company from their windows and show-cases and to refrain from pushing such goods for a year, and also to decline to buy any new brand of tobacco manufactured by the company. by the company.

A committee of ten was also appointed

to visit all labor organizations in the city and urge their members to patronize only cigar stores not controlled by the so-called Granite Cutters Out for Higher Wages. The Granite Cutters' Union for the first

on the White Star liner Cymric Saturday night: When told that he was suggested as a possible successor to Commissioner Partridge, Gen. Andrews said: "So? Well, time in eleven years has decided to make never decline anything until it has been a general demand for a new wage scale The last demand was made eleven years ago and was for the eight-hour work day and an advance in wages from \$3.50 to \$4 a day. An advance from \$4 to \$4.50 a day from March 1 is now to be asked. Take Lazative Brome Quinine Tablets. All drug gists refund the money if it falls to cure. 2. W Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.—Ada.

PLAN NEW REVOLT IN CHINA?

TUNG FU HSIANG AND PRINCE TUAN AGAIN ACTIVE.

Leaders in the Boxer Uprising Now Said to be Organizing an Army in Shensi -- Missionaries Warned to Leave Kansu -- Empress Accused of Aiding Them.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—Excitement has been caused by reports from Shensi that the notorious Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang is mobilizing 10,000 well-equipped troops at Kansu, and buying large quantities of grain and fodder.

It is stated that he is preparing a big move in conjunction with Prince Tuan, another notorious hater of foreigners. Four thousand imperial troops who have been disbanded from the imperial command are said to have gone to join Tung Fu Hsiang.

Friendly officials have warned the missionaries and other foreigners to leave

It is believed that the Empress Dowager and Yung Lu, First Grand Secretary, are secretly encouraging the rebels and supplying them with money. It is stated that Chang Chih Tung, Viceroy of Wuchang disgusted with the recent action of the Government, has asked permission to retire

STEAMER FOUNDERS IN A GALE. Crew of the Pure Oll Rescued by the Steamer North Point.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. North Point, Capt. Drake, from Philadelphia for London, has arrived at Gravesend She reports that on Dec. 13 she sighted the German steamer Pure Oil, Capt. Dix, from Hamburg Dec. 4 for Philadelphia, with ner propeller broken.

The North Point, after several attempts

which were frustrated by a gale, succeeded in getting the Pure Oil in tow, but was bliged to abandon her after five hours. Shortly after the Pure Oil foundered. Hr crew were rescued by the North

\$2,500,000 FAILURE. English Banking Firm of J. & J. W. Pease Assigns.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 21.-The banking firm of & J. W. Pease of Darlington has assigned for the benefit of the creditors. is estimated that the liabilities amoun £500,000 The failure will have comparatively

little effect on the public. The Pease family and their intimate friends are mainly The partners are Sir Joseph W. Pease, M. P., and his sons, Alfred, who lately resigned from the House of Commons,

Walden division of Essex in the House. RAISING READING'S BLOCKADE Passenger Engines Pressed Into Sunday

Work-Much Coal Moved. PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 21.-Taking advantage of the absence of the hourly express service between this city and New York to-day the Philadelphia and Reading Railway devoted all its energies toward transporting a great mass of accumulated freight o New York. All the arrangements were fast that he cannot answer them. Besides, made yesterday by Supt. Bires, and many passenger-train locomotives were placed in service in the work of relieving the traffic

ongestion.

For three weeks freight consigned to New York and places north has been piling up and the tremendous increase owing to the holidays trade caught the Reading short-handed. A freight blockade rivalling that of Pittsburg was feared. Twenty vided he is loving and will pet her. She says she is 28 years old, lives with her mother passenger engines were pressed into service d more than 1,000 cars of coal, besides a mass of general freight, were removed to the Port Reading terminal. Last night many trains were worked over from Eridge.

port on the main line to Jenkintown. The passenger locomotives were run tw at once, double-headers, as the railroad men have it, and took long lines of cars from Jenkintown to Port Reading, bringing back the empty coal cars and general freight consigned to Philadelphia.

Last Sunday ten passenger locomotives made one round trip to Port Reading; to-day the twenty locomotives each made two round trips. This same plan will be used next Sunday, if necessary, to rush all the coal that is on hand for New York to that city.

STORAGE MAIL CAR BURNED. It Left Here With 100 Sacks, Mostly Filled With Christmas Gifts and Papers.

SYRACUSS, Dec. 21 .- A storage mail car was added to the fast mail here this afternoon to replace the mail car which was burned up at Highland station. L. C. Hall of Verona station was the chief mail clerk charge of the car, and with him were M. Potter of West Troy, J. F. Kent of Jordan and F. B. Sutphen of Syracuse. Mr. Hall reported to Supt. Howe in this city that about 700 sacks of mail, bound mcs:ly for the West, had been completely destroyed and that the car was entirely

burned u).

The fast mail leaves this city at 8:45 A. M.
A little south of Highland station, Mr. Hall said, one of the mull clerks noticed an odor said, one of the mull clerks noticed an odor said. of fire, and upon investigation it was found hat the storage mail car, which was the

of fire, and upon investigation it was found that the storage mail car, which was the first car of the train, was afire. All the mail clorks were in the second car at the time sorting mail. The train was stopped and the doors broken in, but the fire had gone so far that it was impossible to extinguish it. The car was switched off on a siding at Highland station and left to burn. When the train pulled out the sides had fallenin. Most of the sacks contained Christmas gifts and papers. Ten sacks of papers for Syracuse were ourned, as were several for Rochester and Buffalo. Sixteen sacks were round for Chicago and eleven for the Philippine Islands. Mail for the Western States was all destroyed. The car when it left New York was full, and a considerable amount of mail had to be left behind. A few sacks were pulled out by a large hook, but the most of it was destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known, but the theory is advanced that it was a spark from the engine.

BIG MOUNTAIN LION HUNT. resident to Be Invited to Help Kill Them Off in Montana.

All three were held in \$300 bail each for trial in Special Sessions. All three were arrested on Jerome avenue, where the police have been especially watchful of late. Miller was the only one of the three who made any protest at his arrest. Policeman Doyle of the High Bridge station says he timed Miller's machine for three blocks in forty-eight seconds. Doyle says that Miller threatened to "break" him for arresting him. Miller said he could not have been going faster than the legal speed. BUTTE, Mon., Dec. 21.-Driven to desperation by the losses of stock as a result f depredations of mountain lions, the ranchers and stockmen of northern Montana are organizing an immense drive which will be without a parallel in Western history. The recent blizzard and intense cold have forced the animals from their mountain lairs into the valleys in quest of food.

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It is proposed to have about 100 men engage in the chase, and from different points they will proceed toward a common centre, which will be some mountain basin. Into this trap the lions will be driven and then picked off by the marksmen. Losses of stock are frequent, the hungry animals attacking full-grown cattle. The lions are very powerful and drag a carcase of a cow with ease.

It has been suggested that President Roosevelt be informed of the hunting. Bears, also, are very plentiful in this section.

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SHE BUNCOES BROADWAY SQUAD. lous Activity of a Lone Who's Collecting Coins.

The policemen of the Broadway squad are looking for a blonde young woman who has been buncoing them. The squad, as is known, guards the crossings on Broadway and is the public escort of every lone woman. A lone woman who appeared two weeks ago at Broadway and Twenty-third street and was escorted through a maze of vehicles, suddenly gasped and clutched at the side of her dress where a chatelaine bag might nang.

"Yes! No!" she said quickly, "but my purse has been stolen. What shall I do? How shall I get home? Oh, officer, I live in Brooklyn. Can't you please lend me a quarter. I'll return it to you to-morrow."

This particular cop handed over the quarter. He thought no more about it, until Saturday, when he overheard two of his fellows comparing notes in the Tenderloin station house and telling each other how they had each lent a quarter to a good looking blonde young woman who had been robbed of her purse.

Other members of the squad were asked if they had met the woman and most of them admitted they had given a quarter to a woman answering the description. The only member of the squad reporting at the Tenderloin station who got the best of the woman was Ed McCabe, who guards the Thirty-second street crossing.

He got the lost pocketbook tale with a couple of tears on the side. He also got the "brace" for the quarter. He told the woman he didn't think he had a quarter. He put his hand in his pocket and drew out a single nickel. The woman glared at him and told him he ought to be dismissed for insulting a lady. Then she departed.

"I had more money, out I didn't flash it," said McCaoe. "I always keep a lone nickel to steer off touches. I get so many on my crossing that I wouldn't have any salary coming, if I fell for them all." "Are you ill?" asked the Broadway cop?

and Joseph, who represents the Saffon

STANDING FARE 2 1-2 CENTS. dr. Forney Would Make Street Railroads Give a Seat or a Rebate Coupon.

Matthias N. Forney of 501 Fifth avenue as issued a pamphlet called "The Overcrowding of Street Cars," in which he advocates the "seat on demand or half fare" principle. In brief, Mr. Forney's plan is that each passenger should pay the full fare on entering a car and should receive rebate or draw-check from the conductor he has to stand. Two of these checks would be good for a full fare on any line.

Mr. Forney has endeavored to anticipate the arguments which might be brought against the plan and hopes that it will become a law as soon as a bill can be introduced. He says if a person prefers to ride and stand rather than wait or walk, it does not seem just either to require the railroad company to carry him for nothing, as has

Mr. Forney has sent his pamphlet to the Aldermen, Mayor Low, the Merchants Association and the women's clubs.

NO SEAT, NO FARE. The C. F. U. Asks the Aldermen to Sup-

press Street Car Crowding in That Way. The Central Federated Union passed resoutions yesterday declaring that the Metopolitan Street Railway and Manhattan Elevated Railway Companies are making tremendouts profits out of cutrageously overcrowding their cars and asking Aldermen to pass an ordinance Monday that no more passengers be allowed on cars than can be seated. Several orators were choked off in passing this through.

TOOK CHERRY BEAVEN'S PURSE.

she's a Dancer, Stage Name "Zazel," and Intrusted It to a Man in a Crowd. A drunken woman, whose dress was in imminent danger of falling off, staggered up Sixth avenue last night. Cherry Beaven, a dancer who is known on the stage as "Zazel" and who has been with Mascagni's "Zazel" and who has been with Mascagni's company, stopped the woman at Thirty-first street and started to pin up her dress. Miss Beaven asked a man in the crowd that gathered to hold her pocketbook. When she finished fixing the woman's dress the man to whom she had intrusted her received book had gone.

pocketbook had gone.

The pocketbook contained her contract with Mascagni and a small amount of money. She reported the loss to the police.

The story was not vouched for by a press

William Street Building Burned Out. The upper part of the building at 198 William street was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire burned through teruay morning. The fire burned through the lofts occupied by A. Schmitz's leather goods establishment and William Christ-man's printing press machine shop. Henry Hirschkind's saloon on the ground floor was damaged by water. The total damage was \$12,000.

Cyrus Clark Recovering His Health. Cyrus Clark of 327 West Seventy-sixth street, the president of the West End Association, who has been confined to his home for a month by a growth on his leg, was operated upon successfully the other day. It was said at his home last night that he was expected to be about again soon.

NORTHERN SECURITIES PLAN? New Terminals in Puget Sound Cities to Handle Oriental Trade.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 21 .- President Hill of the Great Northern and President Harris of the Burlington spent yesterday in Puget Sound cities to inspect new terminals. They expressed their opinions regarding Gov. McBride's proposition to have the coming Legislature create a State Railway

President Hill insists that the roads controlled by the Northern Securities Company are not meddling in politics. He says that hey have done more than any other one thing to develop the Northwest and that the plans will be interfered with by the creation

plans will be interfered with by the creation of a Railroad Commission.

Briefly stated he does not want a commission created, but prefers that the roads shall be left free to spend millions in providing further terminals for the growing Oriental trade. While making no threats, he intimates that expenditures for improvements will probably he decreased if a State commission attempts to interfere with the road's rates. When last here in August President Hill put into effect reduced wheat rates, and he thinks the farmers are satisfied with them.

Mr. Hill says that the fight which the railroads are now making has as its great object a diversion of the immense traffic between the Atlantic coast and the Orient, via Suez Canal, to the transcontinental roads and transpacific steamers. The direct effect of this fight is to reduce rates to a minimum and is more effective than a State Railway Commission could hope to be.

Mr. Hill says he will go to Europe in Jan-uary to rest for six weeks.

MAN'S BODY IN THE HOLD. ongshoreman Found Dead, the Polles Belleve, as Result of a Quarrel.

The body of Oscar Anderson, 24 years old, a longshoreman, was found in the hold of a ship lying at the American cotton docks at Tompkinsville yesterday morning. His skull was fractured and one of his hips broken. He had evidently fallen from the deck to the hold. John Rugenere, 24 years old, of 26 Gold

street, Brooklyn, is detained by the police of the Eightieth precinct in the belief that he knows something about the case which he had not told.

which he had not told.

Anderson and other men quit work about 11 o'clock Saturday night. One of them, John Costello, failed to reach home and yesterday morning his wife went to Rugenere's home to ask for him. Rugenere told her that her husband quit work and left the docks at the time he did. He went with her to the ship and found Anderson's body. The man who was sought reached his home all right and explained that he had got drunk and instead of taking a car to the ferry from Tompkinsville, took one soing to South Beach

going to South Beach.
Some of the crew of the ship think they heard quarrelling on deck after they turned in, but they paid no attention to it.

PROVINCES NEED MORE MONEY.

To Ask the Canadian Government for Better Terms.

QUEBEC, Dec. 21.-The representatives of he different provinces of the Dominion. who have been in conference here for some days past, left to-day for their respective homes after resolving to meet again when Sir Wilfrid Laurier returns to Canada, and to go in a body to Ottawa to demand petters terms from the Federal Govern-

Most of the provinces are unable to pay their way at present, and what they ask is that the 80 cents per head on the population which the Dominion pays the provinces be always calculated on the last census instead of that of 1865, which is still used for the purpose. They agree to reduce the per capita to 60 cents for any province receiving \$2,500,000 a year and upward.

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The provinces also ask the Dominion Government to divide among them the amount paid by the United States in virtue of the award of the Halifax commission of 1877, amounting to five and a half millions of dollars, and which they claim as a right on the ground that a recent judgment of the Privy Council declared the fisheries, for which the award was paid, to be the property of the provinces instead of the Dominion.

BOTH DEAD BY GAS. annie Fegarty and Her Brother-in-Law

Annie Fogarty, 39 years old, who lived n a ground floor flat at 853 Amsterdam avenue, and James Fogarty of 364 Amsterdam avenue, who was her brother-inlaw and was four years her junior, were found dead in the woman's bedroom last evening. They had been suffocated by gas. Both the Fogartys were married. gas. Both the Fogartys were married. The woman's husband is said to be in an asylum. The man was a bricklayer.

The woman was undressed and was in bed. The man was fully dressed, except that his coat was off and he was half-sitting and half reclining on the edge of the bed, with his hands behind him. Two beer glasses and some beer bottles were on a table in the room.

The two gas jets in the room were turned on full

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